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Monday, 13 October 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 28th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

3 p.m. . . . . 29th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of work of the fifty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: second report of the General Committee (A/58/250/Add.1) . . . . . [8]
2. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (A/58/354) . . . . . [7]
3. Report of the Security Council (A/58/2) . . . . . [11]
4. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters . . . . . [56]

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 14 October 2003, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; or tel. 1 (212) 963-5254), as from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, 13 October 2003.

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Main Committees

First Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . 7th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62 to 80): *item 62* (A/58/202); *item 63* (A/58/128); *item 64* (A/58/29); *item 65*; *item 66*; *item 67*; *item 68*; *item 69*; *item 70* (A/58/137, A/58/137 (Part II)); *item 71*; *item 72*; *item 73* (A/58/117, A/58/117/Add.1, A/58/129, A/58/129/Add.1, A/58/130, A/58/138, A/58/162, A/58/176, A/58/176/Add.1, A/58/203, A/58/207, A/58/208, A/58/208/Add.1, A/58/406, A/58/848, A/C.1/58/4); *item 74* (A/58/122, A/58/139, A/58/177, A/58/190, A/58/203, A/58/274); *item 75* (A/58/27, A/58/42, A/58/259, A/58/316); *item 76* (A/58/259, A/58/137 (Part II)); *item 77* (A/58/163); *item 78* (A/58/132, A/58/132/Add.1, A/58/132/Add.2); *item 79* (A/58/385); and *item 80* (other documents: A/C.1/58/1, A/C.1/58/2, A/C.1/58/3 and A/C.1/58/INF.1)

Speakers:

New Zealand

Lebanon

Bangladesh

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Viet Nam

Myanmar

Nepal

Cuba

Eritrea

Sudan

Georgia

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 6th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. *Action on draft resolutions and draft decision relating to agenda items on decolonization (agenda items 19, 87, 88, 89 and 12, and 90)*

   (a) Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations . . . . . [87]

   Draft resolution I (A/58/23 (Part III), chap. XII)

   (b) Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories. . . . . [88]

   Draft resolution II (A/58/23 (Part III), chap. XII)

   (c) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations . . . . . [89]

   Draft resolution III (A/58/23 (Part III), chap. XII)

(d) Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories . . . . . [90]

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.2

(e) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [19]

(i) Question of Western Sahara

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.4

(ii) Question of Gibraltar

Draft decision A/C.4/58/L.3

(iii) Question of New Caledonia

Draft resolution IV (A/58/23 (Part III), chap. XII)

(iv) Question of Tokelau

Draft resolution V (A/58/23 (Part III), chap. XII)

(v) Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands

Draft resolution VI (A/58/23 (Part III), chap. XII)

2. Effects of atomic radiation: (A/58/46, A/C.4/58/L.5) . . . . . [81]

General debate

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 8th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

3–6 p.m. . . . . 9th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Sectoral policy questions: preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin (A/58/125, A/58/204) . . . . . [92]

Introduction and general discussion

Third Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . 9th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice (A/58/3[1], A/58/87-E/2003/82, A/58/125, A/58/131-S/2003/703, A/58/165, A/58/222, A/58/223, A/C.3/58/L.3, A/C.3/58/L.4, A/C.3/58/L.5 and A/C.3/58/L.6). . . . . [108]

2. International drug control (A/58/3[1], A/58/124, A/58/131-S/2003/703 and A/58/253) [109]

Continuation of general discussion

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[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [124]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.2

2. Pattern of conferences (A/58/32, A/58/194, A/58/194/Corr.1, A/58/194/Corr.2, A/58/213, A/57/783, A/57/809, A/58/7, A/58/7/Corr.1 and A/58/7/Add.1) . . . . [125]

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/58/5/Add.5, A/58/114, A/58/97, A/58/97/Add.1 and A/58/384))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Joint Inspection Unit: common and joint services at Vienna (A/58/258, A/58/258/Add.1 and A/58/389); Outsourcing practices (A/57/185, and A/57/7/Add.1); and Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Management audit review of outsourcing (A/58/92, A/58/92/Add.1 and A/58/389))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 4th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Sixth Committee

Working Group on the Scope of Legal Protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Documents A/58/52, A/58/187 and A/58/302

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of the United Nations budgetary process

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

3.30 p.m. . . . . 79th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [agenda item 104 (b)]
(29–30 October 2003)

Inscriptions for Member States wishing to participate in the ministerial-level round tables

All delegations wishing to participate, including those already inscribed, in any of eight ministerial-level round tables, to be held on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, are kindly requested to come in person to the List of Speakers area of the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940) to inscribe the name of the participating Minister or the Head of delegation on the list of participants in round tables on the following themes:

Round tables 1 and 2 (morning): *"Regional dimensions of the implementation of the results of the International Conference on Financing for Development"*

Round tables 3 and 4 (morning): *"Coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development"*

Round tables 5 and 6 (afternoon): *"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration"*

Round tables 7 and 8 (afternoon): *"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the promotion of sustainable development, sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty with a view to achieving an equitable global economic system"*.

Delegations are reminded that the list of participants in the round tables will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, and that each round table may have a maximum of 7 participants from African States, 7 participants from Asian States, 3 participants from Eastern European States, 5 participants from Latin American and Caribbean States and 4 participants from Western European and other States. Member States that are not members of any regional group may participate in the round tables.

Inscriptions by institutional and non-institutional stakeholders

Each round table will also include the following accredited participants: 5 representatives of observers in the General Assembly, entities of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations other than observers; 3 representatives of civil society; and 3 representatives of the private sector. Their distribution in the round tables will follow the practice used in the International Conference on Financing for Development. For information and inscriptions, please contact the Financing for Development Office (e-mail ffdoffice@un.org; Web site www.un.org/esa/ffd).

Other meetings

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Monday, 13 October 2003

2003 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament

9 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: agenda items 98 and 91 (g); and other matters)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1.30–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council

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Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Iceland)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Disarmament

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Objective information on military matter, including transparency of military expenditures" (agenda item 62 (b)) (First Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Romania)

12 noon–12.45 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Presentation of a draft resolution on international cooperation against the world drug problem (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on agenda item 107 entitled "Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing" (Third Committee) (organized by the Group of 77 and the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Enhancing Capacity-building of Global Public Health" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of China)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: Towards a society for all in the twenty-first Century" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Discussion on improving the effectiveness of the First Committee (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States)

Members of the Latin American and Caribbean Group are invited to participate in a discussion on improving the effectiveness of the First Committee, organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States, to be held on Monday, 13 October 2003, from 2 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Monday, 13 October 2003

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . Mr. Gerald Gahima, Prosecutor General of Rwanda (on the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda)

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 14 October 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 30th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

3 p.m. . . . . 31st plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Security Council (A/58/2) . . . . . [11]

2. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters . . . . . [56]

Main Committees

First Committee

3 p.m. . . . . 8th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m. . . . . 7th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Second Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 10th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

3 p.m. . . . . 11th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Third Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 10th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

3 p.m. . . . . 11th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 5th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Morning[1] . . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

3 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Sixth Committee

Working Group on the Scope of Legal Protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel

3 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

[1] Following the adjournment of the 5th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held as follows: Wednesday, 15 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber; Thursday, 16 October, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and Friday, 17 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Second Committee *Briefing*

A keynote address to the Second Committee delegates will be made by Mr. Joseph Stiglitz, Nobel Laureate and Professor of Economics and Finance, Columbia University, on "Prospects for Economic Growth and Future of Development Cooperation", on Wednesday, 15 October 2003, from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 219th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Thursday, 16 October 2003, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420B; fax 1 (212) 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Economic and Social Council

Open-ended Working Group on Informatics: Technical Subgroup

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place on Wednesday, 15 October 2003, at 11 a.m. in *Conference Room 9*, under the chairmanship of H.E. Miss June Yvonne Clarke (Barbados).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Informal consultations on the draft decision entitled "Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures (agenda item 73 (u)) (First Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany)

There will be informal consultations on the draft decision entitled "Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures (agenda item 73 (u)) (First Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, on Tuesday, 14 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Iceland)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Iceland, on Tuesday, 14 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)* on 14, 21 and 28 October 2003 from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (under agenda item 108) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (under agenda item 108) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be held as follows: Tuesday, 14 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and Thursday, 16 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the global road safety crisis (organized by the Permanent Mission of Oman)

There will be Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the global road safety crisis, organized by the Permanent Mission of Oman, on Tuesday, 14 October 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Pacific Islands Forum: Working Group on Oceans

The Working Group on Oceans of the Pacific Islands Forum will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 14 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(Third Committee experts: agenda item 113)*

There will be a meeting of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(Third Committee experts: agenda item 113)*, on Tuesday, 14 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Open-ended consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Women and Political Participation" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States)

There will be open-ended consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Women and Political Participation" (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States, on Tuesday, 14 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Second United Nations Coordination Meeting on International Migration

The Second United Nations Coordination Meeting on International Migration, organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 15 and 16 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. An information note, programme of work and papers submitted are available on the following Web site: www.unpopulation.org. For further information, please contact the office of Mr. Joseph Chamie, Director, Population Division (tel. 1 (212) 963-3179).

Open-ended consultations on "Small arms and light weapons" (First Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of South Africa)

There will be open-ended consultations on "Small arms and light weapons" (First Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of South Africa, on Wednesday, 15 October 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room E.

Panel discussion on "Capital Flows to Africa: Potentials for Financing New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)" (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa)

There will be a panel discussion on "Capital Flows to Africa: Potentials for Financing New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)", organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), on Wednesday, 15 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel will be co-moderated by Mr. Ibrahim A. Gambari, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa, and Prof. Wiseman Nkuhlu, Chairman of the NEPAD Steering Committee. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Briefing by the Management Committee of the Special Court for Sierra Leone

There will be a briefing by the Management Committee of the Special Court for Sierra Leone for members of the Group of Interested States for the Special Court and other interested delegations, on Thursday, 16 October 2003, 2 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

World Bank seminar on "A Dialogue on Development and Communication"

There will be a seminar on "A Dialogue on Development and Communication", organized by the World Bank, on Friday, 17 October 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. A presentation will be made by Dr. Ian Goldin, Vice-President for External Affairs and United Nations Affairs, World Bank. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Office of the Special Representative to the United Nations, World Bank (tel. 1 (212) 355-5112; fax 1 (212) 355-4523).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 October 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the NAM Caucus Room.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Friday, 10 October 2003

Security Council

4839th meeting

Letter dated 2 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/934)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Sudan, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2003/16).

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

General Committee

3rd meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items . . . . . [8]

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item: note by the Secretary-General (A/58/233)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item be included in the agenda of the fifty-eighth session and that it be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Netherlands (A/58/234)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item be included in the agenda of the fifty-eighth session and that it be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

(c) Letter from the Permanent Representative of Mexico addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/58/412)

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Mexico, at his request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that agenda item 108 should be considered directly in Plenary Meeting.

Main Committees

First Committee

6th meeting

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of Senegal, Guatemala, Chile, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Mozambique, Serbia and Montenegro, the Philippines and Pakistan, as well as by the representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The representatives of the United States and the Netherlands made statements.

A statement was made by the Chairman of the Committee.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

5th meeting

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [19]

Hearing of petitioners

Question of Western Sahara

The Committee heard statements by Mr. Txomin Aurrekoetxea, Basque member, Parliament of Spain (A/C.4/58/4/Add.2); Ms. Inés Miranda Navarro, Member, Bar Association of Las Palmas, Spain (A/C.4/58/4/Add.3); Ms. Soledad Monzón Cabrera Congreso por Las Palmas, Spain (A/C.4/58/4/Add.5); Mr. Alejandro Javier Rodríguez Carrión, Professor, International Law University of Málaga, Spain (A/C.4/58/4/Add.6); and Ms. Vanessa Ramos, American Association of Jurists (A/C.4/58/4/Add.9).

Agenda items 19 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 87, 88, 89 and 12, and 90)

The Committee concluded its general debate with statements from the representatives of Nepal, Haiti, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Angola, the Congo, Mozambique, Senegal, Malawi and Morocco.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria and Morocco in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Third Committee

8th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [108]

International drug control . . . . . [109]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Afghanistan, Mexico, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Venezuela, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Algeria, Kuwait, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, Serbia and Montenegro, the Sudan, Ghana, Indonesia and Ecuador (on behalf of the Andean Community).

The observer of the International Organization for Migration also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda items 108 and 109 was Tuesday, 14 October, at 6 p.m.

Sixth Committee

5th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization . . . . . 155]

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Malaysia, Tunisia, Sierra Leone, Costa Rica, Morocco, the Syrian Arab Republic, Nepal and Nigeria.

The Secretary of the Committee also spoke.

The Committee concluded its debate on agenda item 155.

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Trade and Development Board
Fiftieth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Friday, 10 October 2003

949th–950th plenary meetings

Preparatory process for the eleventh session of the Conference . . . . . [7]

(a) Establishment of the Preparatory Committee

(b) Approval of the provisional agenda of the Conference

The Board established an open-ended Preparatory Committee for the eleventh session of the Conference, under the Chairmanship of the President of the Board, and approved the provisional agenda for the Conference, as contained in document TD/B/50/L.1.

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Benin (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries) and Italy (on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries).

Technical cooperation activities: review of technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD [6 (a)]

In the absence of the Chairman of the Working Party, the representative of Cuba made an introductory statement.

The Board adopted the draft decision contained in documents TD/B/50/L.4 and TD/B/L.4/Add.1, containing the Technical Cooperation Strategy of UNCTAD.

The Board took note of the report of the Working Party at its forty-first session, as contained in document TD/B/50/12-TD/B/WP/169, and endorsed the agreed conclusions adopted by the Working Party.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: Kyrgyzstan (2 October 2003)[1]

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Accession: Kyrgyzstan (2 October 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Kyrgyzstan (2 October 2003)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Accession: Kyrgyzstan (2 October 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Kyrgyzstan (2 October 2003)[1]

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Kyrgyzstan (2 October 2003)[1]

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Covention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Kyrgyzstan (2 October 2003)[1]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Ethiopia (9 October 2003)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Bosnia and Herzegovina (10 October 2003)[1]

Amendment to article 7 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 20 May 1965

Acceptance: Belize (10 October 2003)[1]

Amendment to article 74 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 18 May 1978

Acceptance: Belize (10 October 2003)[1]

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 16 May 1998

Acceptance: Israel (9 October 2003)[1]

Acceptance: Belize (10 October 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Geneva, 3 September 1992

Ratification: Cape Verde (10 October 2003)[1]

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Ratification: Sweden (10 October 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

Special activities on the occasion of 2003 World Food Day on the theme "Working together for an international alliance against hunger",

FAO Goodwill Ambassadors

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations will hold a press conference on Tuesday, 14 October 2003, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to present its 2003 Goodwill Ambassadors, the Mexican Band Mana. The Director of the FAO Liaison Office to the United Nations and members of the Band will shed light on their new role in the war against hunger. Members of permanent missions, United Nations agencies and organizations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Special ceremony

There will be a special ceremony on the occasion of the 2003 World Food Day on the theme "Working together for an international alliance against hunger", organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), on Friday 17 October 2003, at 12.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, United Nations agencies and organizations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the FAO Liaison Office to the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 963-6036 or 963-6319).

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Water for Life: Fresh Perspectives on the World's Water Crisis". The briefing will be held on Thursday, 16 October 2003, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefing will feature Mr. Xolisa Mfundiso Mabhongo, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations; Ms. Marcia Brewster, Senior Economic Adviser, Department of Economic and Social Affairs; and Mr. John Todd, Co-founder, Water Stewards Inc. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2003 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Rwanda
H.E. Mr. Stanislas Kamanzi

Asian States:
China
H.E. Mr. Wang Guangya

Eastern European States:
Lithuania
H.E. Mr. Gediminas Šerkšnys

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Costa Rica
H.E. Mr. Bruno Stagno Ugarte

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Spain
H.E. Mr. Inocencio F. Arias

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

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With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 10 October 2003.

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A/58/PV.8	Meeting held on 23 September 2003, 3 p.m. [E]
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A/58/330	Item 119 (b) of the provisional agenda — Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — The right to food — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/367	Item 133 of the provisional agenda — Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/58/395	Item 59 — Strengthening of the United Nations system — Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change — Improvements to the current process of planning and budgeting — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/407	Item 9 — General debate — Letter dated 30 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/58/419	Item 24 — Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations — Letter dated 6 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
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	Committee on Relations with the Host Country
A/AC.154/361	Letter dated 3 October 2003 from the first Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [A C E F R S]

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S/2003/838	Letter dated 27 August 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/839	Letter dated 27 August 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/973	Letter dated 9 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/4838	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

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